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5 September 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/OSA

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SUBJECT : LIGHTNING BUG over Pyongyang

1. As a result of the discussion at USIB for which the minutes are not yet available, it appears premature to approach the DCI on Special Group action. My interpretation of the USIB was that we were to proceed as rapidly as possible toward having an actual proved operational and technical capability together with a statement from the JCS/AF concerning the compromise aspects of the proposed drone.

2. The USIB minutes may change this slightly. However, your present guidance is that OSA as project leader, [REDACTED] will proceed with an over-all project officer to bring the LIGHTNING BUG operational project to a status suitable for USIB and Special Group action. In view of Carter's remarks on the Agency's role in this, your present instructions are to proceed as the over-all project officer because of a denied area overflight. Furthermore, this probably will turn out to be a pre-TAGBOARD type of activity and one in which we must eventually become proficient anyhow.

3. OSA is requested to forward to DD/S&T a bi-weekly status report on the entire operation including collection equipment, operational support, etc.

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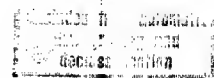
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